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LAURENS COUNTY WINS TROPHY CUP AT SPARTANBURG TEACHERS MEETING

Spartanburg, Being the Host, Gracefully Withdrew from Contest in Deference to Visiting Teachers.

Laurens county carried off the honors at the meeting of the state teachers association in Spartanburg last week by winning the trophy cup offered to the county with the largest percentage of its teachers in attendance. Spartanburg county withdrew from the contest out of courtesy to the visiting teachers, not wishing to take advantage of the other counties. The trophy was presented to the Laurens teachers by Prof. R. C. Burts, of Greenville. Superintendent of Education J. H. Sullivan accepted the trophy in behalf of the Laurens teachers. Miss Wil Lou Gray and Sup't. B. L. Jones, being called upon by the chairman of the meeting, also made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. There were fifty seven Laurens county teachers in attendance, including Mr. Sullivan and Miss Gray, this being forty per cent of the total membership in the associations from this county. The trophy is a very handsome silver cup. It is now in Spartanburg being engraved by the dealer who sold it. In a few days it will be expressed to Laurens and placed on exhibition in some store window of the city. Besides the honor of winning the trophy cup, this county was also honored in the election of officers for the ensuing year, Miss Wil Lou Gray be-

ing elected as one of the vice presidents.

The following account of the final session was contained in the News and Courier Sunday:

After one of the most interesting meetings in the history of the organization the forty-second annual Convention of the South Carolina Teachers' association came to a close this afternoon.

A. B. Rhett, of Charleston, was elected president, while E. S. Dreher, of Columbia, was chosen chairman of the executive committee. E. C. McCowan, of Anderson, was elected first vice president and Miss Wil Lou Gray, of Laurens, second vice president. It was announced that the terms of the secretary and treasurer had not expired and that Leonard T. Kuber and C. V. Neuffer, respectively, will retain their positions for another year.

Florence will be the next meeting place of the association. The mayor and Chamber of Commerce of that city wrote the officers of the association that Florence wanted the convention and was well prepared to entertain the teachers.

President Gasque, in adjourning the convention, expressed the opinion that the meeting had been the best and most successful in his memory.

TOMATO CLUB ORGANIZER.

Miss Jayne Conway Garlington, Teacher of the Rock Bridge School, Elected to do this Work.

Miss Jayne Conway Garlington, who has been teaching the Rock Bridge school near Clinton this year, has been named as tomato club organizer for this county. The appropriation for this work was made at the last session of the legislature, an item of \$450 having been included in the supply bill. Miss Garlington will begin her work at once. She has interested herself to a large extent in improvement work in the schools and is well fitted to meet the requirements of the office.

This week Miss Garlington will go to Rock Hill to attend a meeting of the club organizers from different sections of the state and there she will familiarize herself more closely with her work. Next week she will begin her campaign in the county, the following program having been mapped out: Monday morning she will visit Woodrow Wilson, Barksdale and Trinity-Ridge schools.

Monday night she will visit the Hickory Tavern school with Miss Gray. The patrons of neighboring schools are expected to meet with the Trinity-Ridge patrons.

Tuesday morning she will be at Brewerton school. On the same afternoon she and Miss Gray will be at the Poplar Springs school, where Miss Gray will give a lantern slide lecture on Yellowstone Park. Patrons from both Mt. Bethel and Brewerton are invited to be present on that occasion.

Tuesday night Miss Gray will show the slides at Princeton and Miss Gray will make a talk.

Thursday Miss Garlington will be at New Prospect and Lisbon.

On Saturday and following Saturdays she will be in the superintendent's office at Laurens.

Recent Ford Purchasers.

Summer Brothers, of Newberry, have sold a number of autos in this county during the past few weeks. Among the buyers are G. H. Blakeley, Ora, and L. Z. Wilson, of Gray Court, roadsters; J. B. Owens, W. T. Owings, P. R. Moore, P. R. Abercrombie, Gray Court, touring cars; Mr. Dusenbury, Laurens, roadster.

Oratorical Contest.

There will be a preliminary oratorical contest at Lanford Station in the school auditorium on the evening of March 27, 1914 at 7 o'clock. The following young gentlemen are the declaimers: Samuel Drummond, subject, "Treason of Benedict Arnold"; Yates Waldrep, "Path of History"; Fred Cox, "Wolfe at Quebec"; Louis Lanford, "Eulogy on S. C."; James Fleming, "Charlot Race of Ben Hurr."

STORES TO CLOSE EARLIER.

Merchants Decide to Close Places of Business Earlier After Next Monday.

A good many of the Laurens stores have signed a petition to begin early closing a little sooner this year than usual. Beginning next Monday, the 30th of March, they will close their places of business at 6:30. This hour of closing will prevail until May 1st, after which they will close at 6:00 o'clock until Sept. 1st. The following petition, which was not presented to all the stores, was handed around and signed:

"We the undersigned merchants of Laurens agree to close our stores at 6:30 p. m. from Monday March 30th to May 1st, 1914, and to close at 6:00 p. m. from May 1st to Sept. 1st. We also agree to close at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights.

"Clardy & Wilson, Switzer Co., Minter Co., H. Terry, W. G. Wilson Co., Red Hot Racket, Davis Roper Co., W. Solomon, Fleming Bros., Moseley & Roland, S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co., J. C. Burns & Co., Laurens Hardware Co., Brooks Hardware Co., R. W. Willis, Leverett Furniture Co."

It is hoped that the customers of the above stores will make it a point to do their trading in plenty of time to get through before the closing hour. In this way better service can be gotten and the clerks can get out and enjoy the short afternoon holiday.

Honored in England.

Dr. G. W. Cunningham, who holds the chair of philosophy in Middlebury College, Vermont, has been extended a cordial invitation by Lord Haldane to visit him at Musdor Castle when he visits England. His Excellency, who is also the High Lord Chancellor of England has recently read Dr. Cunningham's book "Thoughts and Reality of Hegel's System" and was so pleased with it that he wrote the author and expressed a desire to meet him. Lord Haldane is one of the leading scholars of England. Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham will soon go abroad for a year's stay and while there Dr. Cunningham will take post graduate work at the leading university in Berlin.

Laurens Raised 45,312 Bales.

According to figures issued from the census department, cotton ginnings for this county up to March 20, amounted to 45,312 bales, as against 35,638 bales up to the same time last year. This is a gain of nearly 10,000 bales.

Notice to Teachers.

All teachers who have not yet sent in their school histories for the educational issue of The Advertiser are requested to do so at once.

TRAYNHAM GUARDS INSPECTED MONDAY

Adjutant General and Army Officer Makes Annual Inspection of Local Company. The Best So Far Inspected.

Company D of the First Regiment of National Guard, known as Traynham Guards, went through their annual inspection last Monday. They were inspected by Adjutant General Moore and Capt. Meacham, an army officer, specially detailed for this work. According to their statements after the inspection the local company is the best in all departments that they have so far visited.

Capt. Meacham was particularly pleased with the property showing of the company, saying that it was arranged excellently and excellently kept. He was also enthusiastic in his praise of the company's drilling, calling special attention to the fine work of the corporals. Gen. Moore was equally strong in his praise of the company and stated that this company is undoubtedly the best that Laurens has ever had. He stated that of the 13 companies already inspected, this one was the only one with a percentage of 100 for attendance.

The officers of the company are as follows: Captain, W. R. Richey, Jr.; First Lieut., D. R. Simpson; Second Lieut., Joe Smith; Quartermaster Lieut., attached, J. N. Richardson; First Sergeant, Ben Sullivan, Jr.; Sergeants, Judge Eichelberger, James Davenport, William Switzer, Hugh Eichelberger; Corporals Will Weather, Frank Russ, Clarence Cannon, W. P. Chaney, Marshall Moore, James Lewis.

THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

Delightful Three-Act Drama to be Presented at the Opera House by School Boys and Girls.

On the evening of March 27th, a delightful 3 act drama, "The Cricket on the Hearth" will be rendered by the pupils of the tenth grade under the auspices of Miss Fannie Creighton. The characters are as follows:

John Perryhingle Hugh Aiken
Mr. Tackleton Herbert Sullivan
Caleb Plummer Elizabeth Moseley
Old Gentleman Leland Bolt
Dot Nellie Thompson
Bertha Virginia Simpson
Mrs. Fielding Margaret Dunlap
May Fielding Mary Wilkes
Dot's Father Laurens Philpot
Tilly Slow-Boy Mattie Kate Owings
Porter Paul Lake
Dot's Mother Mary Lila Poole
Assisted by Misses Lucy Vance
Darlington, Mary Burton, Minnie Trvin, Lilla Todd, Louise Simmons, Hatie Gray, Robbie Hudgens, Inez Hudgens and Mr. Carlisle Dial.

This play given at the Opera House is for the benefit of the school. Admission 35c, 25c and 15c. Reserve seats on sale at Powe Drug Co. The curtain rises promptly at 8:30 p. m.

ASSESSING BOARD MEETS.

Session Yesterday and Another Session Today. Property being Re-assessed.

The board of township assessors met in the county court house yesterday to hear the report of the respective township assessors and to conduct other business that might arise. On account of much detail work, the board was unable to finish its work yesterday and will meet again today. Chairman Watts stated yesterday afternoon that the returns this year had been the most satisfactory since he has been on the board, his service dating back for twenty two years. It was found necessary to raise the assessments in some cases, he said, but very few and no violent complaints had been made. The board, he said, has endeavored this year to equalize the tax burden in the county and the conditions have been greatly improved in this respect.

Large Class of Woodmen.

Messrs. R. A. Cooper and C. A. Power went to Fountain Inn Monday night to be present at a meeting of Blue Ridge lodge, Woodmen of the World. Thirty candidates were initiated into the order and an otherwise pleasant meeting was enjoyed. Both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Power made short talks following the initiation ceremonies.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL CLINTON HAPPENINGS

Many Things of Interest About the People of the Neighboring Town.

Clinton, March 23.—An announcement that will be of interest throughout this state was received here last week—the engagement of Miss Sara Emmie McCrary of Asheville, N. C. to Mr. Robert Henry of Fort Mill, S. C. The wedding will be in May, at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. G. Taylor, of Asheville, N. C. Miss McCrary has made Clinton her home until a year ago when she left to live with her sister in Asheville. She is very popular and has a host of friends here who will be interested in this announcement.

On Wednesday afternoon Misses Maude and Mabel Sumner delightfully entertained the young ladies embroidery club.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boyd entertained a dozen ladies and their husbands at a very elaborate five course dinner on Thursday.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Henry celebrated their silver wedding with a very elaborate reception at their home on Musgrove street. During the evening about 150 guests called and were met at the door by Mr. Ross Young and Mrs. Robert Davidson.

Miss Irene Little and Mr. John Bell invited them into the parlor where they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mr. Mahaffey of Batesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Blakeley, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Bell, mother and father of Mrs. Henry. From the parlor the guests were invited into the dining room by Miss Ellene McCaslan and Mrs. Mac Hipp, of Abbeville.

Mrs. L. D. McCrary presided in the dining room where a delicious salad and sweet course and mints were served by Misses Elizabeth Henry, Essie Davidson, Susie Owens, Annie Horton and Florence Rantin. As the guests left the dining room, Miss Irene Adair pinned on the favors which were small silver bells and invited them into the living room where delightful punch was served by Misses Maude Pearson and Sallie Belle Buford of Newberry. As the guests left the living room each one was invited to register by Mrs. R. D. Young, of Laurens. The house was beautiful for this elaborate affair. The parlor was decorated in white carnations and large white bells; the dining room was in pink carnations and ferns and the living room was lovely with palms and jonquills and buttercups.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. Mrs. Ross Young of Laurens, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hipp of Abbeville, Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Renno, Mr. Mahaffey of Batesburg, Miss Sallie Bell Buford of Newberry and Dr. Creese of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. W. D. Copeland entertained a few friends on Tuesday at a dinner. On Monday afternoon the base ball season opened with the first game B. M. I. of Greenwood. The afternoon was fine and both teams put up splendid work. The score was 10 to 6 in favor of Clinton. The Presbyterian boys greatly miss their star catcher, McCutcheon who is at the dormitory, ill with pneumonia.

The teachers of the graded school gave a very interesting and attractive play in the school auditorium on Monday night. The proceeds were used to buy pictures for the school building.

The last number of the Lyceum course for this season will close with the Beulah Buck Quartet on Wednesday night.

The Methodists have bought one of the most desirable lots in Clinton to erect their new church on. It is on the corner of Broad and Hale Streets and belonged to Mr. John Young, who sold it to the Methodists for \$4,000.

Miss Mary Bean spent the week-end in Spartanburg with Mrs. L. M. Kennedy.

Miss Dorothy Owens of Bishopville, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon of Bishopville are on the college campus this week with their son, who is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Florrie Burdette left last week for a visit to friends in Greenville and Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mrs. Bunting of Baltimore, is visiting her father, Mr. J. W. Copeland this week.

Mr. J. C. Hanner spent last week in Atlanta.

Miss Anna Kate Fewell of Rock Hill has accepted a position here with Jacobs & Co.

MOTOR CAR KILLS PRINGLE YOUNMANS

Richland Legislator Knocked Down in Street. Classmate of Wilson.

Columbia, March 22.—Pringle T. Youmans of the Columbia bar, member of the Richland county delegation in the lower house of the general assembly, was fatally injured about the head last night at about 7:30 o'clock, when he was knocked down at Main and Washington streets by an automobile driven by Harry L. Davis, owner of the Columbia garage. Mr. Youmans died a few minutes later in McGregors drug store, to which he was conveyed in the car which had struck him. An inquest into the circumstances of Mr. Youmans' death will be held by Coroner Scott this morning at 11 o'clock at the McCormick undertaking establishment on Hampton street.

Mr. Youmans was 55 years of age. He was married only three weeks ago, in Augusta, to Mrs. May Bronson of Columbia. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Trinity church.

Mr. Davis gave himself up immediately to T. A. Heise, deputy sheriff who took him to police headquarters. There he spent the night. He had a talk during the evening with his attorney, R. H. Welch. Mr. Davis was formerly chauffeur in the police department.—The State.

WATTS TAKES HAT OUT OF THE RING

Will not be in the Race for Supervisor this Summer. Abercrombie to Run.

Mr. John D. W. Watts, who some time ago announced that he would be in the race for county supervisor, announced definitely yesterday that he had withdrawn from the race. For his reason, he stated that the United States department of agriculture had made him a flattering offer to join its forces in this state and that he had decided to accept it. Besides the attraction of a larger salary, Mr. Watts stated that he felt that he could be of vaster more benefit to his county and state in the position he expects to accept than he could as supervisor. He said he wished to thank the numerous friends who had offered their support.

With the announcement from Mr. Watts that he would not be in the race comes the definite announcement from Mr. Austin Abercrombie, present county commissioner, that he will be in the race. Mr. Abercrombie authorized this statement several days ago. Mr. Humbert has already made known his intention of offering again for re-election and so will be in the race, as will B. R. Todd and Geo. C. Hopkins. No other candidates have as yet announced themselves for this place.

It is understood that all the present office holders in the court house whose terms expire intend to offer for re-election. No opposition has yet developed to any of them, except for the office of supervisor as above stated. The terms of the supervisor, auditor, treasurer, judge of probate and superintendent of education, besides the county commissioners expire this year. The terms of the members of the lower house in the legislature also expire. W. C. Irby, Jr., will not be a candidate again, but will offer for governor. It is understood that Messrs. Blackwell and Browning will run again. No other legislative candidates have yet made known any intention of running. The senator, Mr. Goodwin, holds over for two more years.

Bramletts Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend a Declaration Contest at Bramletts Church, Saturday morning March 28th, at 10:30 o'clock. It will be decided at this preliminary contest which two are to be sent from Youngs township to take part in the contest at Laurens the day of the county fair.

Charged With Burning Crib.

Deputy Sheriff Reid and Rural Policeman Sullivan arrested Foster Hunter, colored, several days ago and lodged him in the county jail to await trial on the charge of burning a corn crib near Parks station belonging to Amos Barksdale, another negro. The evidence on the negro is said to be largely circumstantial.

1913 COTTON CROP A BUMPER ONE

Second to the Largest on Record.

**OVER 14,000,000
HAVE BEEN GINNED**

The 1913-14 crop the most valuable yet raised, estimated to be worth over \$1,000,000,000. South Carolina nearly 200,000 bales ahead of last year.

Washington, March 20.—One of the largest cotton crops ever grown, amounting to 14,127,356 equivalent 500 pound bales of lint and 639,795 equivalent 500 pound bales of linters, was produced by the farmers of the United States during 1913, the census bureau announced today in its preliminary report of cotton ginned as reported by ginner and delinters to February 28.

These figures compare with 13,703,421 equivalent 500 pound bales of lint and 609,594 bales of linters last year and 15,692,701 bales of lint and 657,575 bales of linters in 1911.

The department of agriculture's estimate, announced December 12, places the 1913 crop at 13,677,000 equivalent 500 pound bales.

With this report the bureau of census departed from its previous method of reporting the cotton crop by not including the quantity of linters in the total production. Director William J. Harris announced this was done because with the installation of modern machinery closer delinting of seed had largely increased the quantity of linters and at the same time lowered the average quality of the fibre, so that now only a small part, if any, was used as a substitute for lint cotton.

The number of running bales of lint cotton, counting round as half bales, was 13,964,981 and of linter cotton, 629,019 running bales, compared with 13,488,589 running bales of lint and 602,224 running bales of linters last year, and 15,553,073 running bales of lint and 566,276 running bales of linters in 1911.

Included in the production for 1913 are 29,267 bales which ginner estimated would be turned out after the time of the March census.

Round bales included numbered 39,916 compared with 81,528 last year and 101,554 in 1911.

Sea Island bales included, 77,490 compared with 73,777 last year and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bale for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, was 505.8 pounds, compared with 508.0 last year and 504.5 in 1911.

Production of states in equivalent 500 pound bales, exclusive of linters, with comparisons and the department of agriculture's December estimate, which excludes linters follows:

Alabama: Total production 1,494,057 bales, compared with 1,342,275 in 1912, and 1,716,534 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 1,510,000 bales for 1913.

Arkansas: Total production, 1,071,257 bales, compared with 792,048 in 1912 and 939,302 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 900,000 bales for 1913.

Florida: Total production, 58,451 bales, compared with 52,760 in 1912 and 83,388 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 68,000 bales for 1913.

Georgia: Total production, 2,314,870 bales, compared with 1,776,546 in 1912 and 2,768,627 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 2,275,000 bales for 1913.

Louisiana: Total production, 442,132 bales, compared with 376,056 in 1912, and 384,597 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 400,000 bales for 1913.

Mississippi: Total production, 1,307,443 bales, compared with 1,046,418 in 1912 and 1,203,545 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 1,195,000 bales for 1913.

Missouri: Total production, 67,123 bales, compared with 55,691 in 1912 and 96,808 in 1911. Department of agriculture estimated 66,000 bales for 1913.

North Carolina: Total production,

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